TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

August 29, 2003

Mr. Bill Morris Director of Corporate Planning & Development Piedmont Natural Gas Company 1915 Rexford Road Charlotte, NC 28233

Re: **Docket No. 03-00313** - Application of Nashville Gas Company, a Division of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for an Adjustment of its Rates and Charges, the Approval of Revised Tariffs and the Approval of Revised Service Regulations

Dear Mr. Morris:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed April 29, 2003 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish an original and nine (9) copies of the information requested below. Please provide responses by September 2, 2003.

- 150. Please provide the number and dollar amount of returned checks for the each month from January 2000 through December 2002.
- 151. Provide the number and dollar amount of test period non-residential reconnections and the attrition year amount of non-residential reconnection. Also, allocate the amounts by season if necessary.
- 152. Please provide the Company's calculation and basis for the capitalization percentage used to capitalize Corporate payroll.
- 153. Please provide the Company's current SUTA rate for Tennessee direct payroll and Corporate allocated payroll.
- 154. Please explain the Island Breeze Promotions expense charged to account 92110 and 93070.

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If you have questions regarding this data request, please consult one of the Energy and Water Staff prior to responding. Please provide a copy of the Company's responses to the parties in this docket.

Sincerely,

Hal Novak

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